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**PLYMOUTH COUNTY DA CRUZ GIVES TO LOCAL GROUPS SERVICING  
THE COMMUNITY**

**BROCKTON** – Eight local organizations were the recent recipients of monies seized as a part of drug prosecutions, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz announced today.

DA Cruz established a Community Reinvestment Program that allows the office to expend a percentage of monies and proceeds seized annually as part of drug prosecutions, and to reinvest these funds into the community. The money is used for drug rehabilitation, drug education and other anti-drug or neighborhood crime watch programs which further law enforcement purposes.

“Each year, our office awards numerous Community Reinvestment Program funds to youth organizations, school districts, neighborhood associations and TRIAD programs throughout Plymouth County, at no cost to taxpayers,” DA Cruz said. “Over the years, we have expanded our efforts to distribute these funds to different programs addressing the changing needs of the community, whether it be substance use abuse or mental health issues. Fast forward to 2020 and COVID-19. Many of these groups and organizations struggled. They do such great work and people in the community rely on their help. I am proud that we can steer these funds to good use. These organizations have proven through their work, that like our office, they share in our commitment to protect the safety and well-being of all in our communities.”

**Community Reinvestment Program Recipients were:**

**Marshfield FACTS**

Marshfield Facts will use the funding to compile and distribute literacy boxes focusing on a parent or caretaker’s use of substances. These literacy boxes will target children aged 3-10 years old and will contain 3-5 books, along with

activities. They are primarily intended for the adult in the home to teach children about a loved one's substance use.

**Pembroke Titans Against Drugs**

With the onset of COVID-19 and students virtual last year, Pembroke middle schoolers missed out on some presentations with their student resource officer. Pembroke will use the funds for a program where the students will pledge to remain alcohol and drug-free.

**South Shore Peer Recovery in Scituate**

South Shore Peer Recovery created a sober softball league that plays each Sunday and will put the funds toward the league.

**Anchor of Hull**

Will use the resources for individuals and families fighting substance use disorder that need emergency crisis diversion. They will also use the funds toward a new meditative arts group.

**Homeless Improvement Project in Brockton**

The Homeless Improvement Project will use the funding to expand their services to include a shower truck and telehealth clinic.

**Hingham CARES**

Hingham CARES will fund Johnny's Ambassadors, a group formed by a mother who lost her son to suicide due to marijuana addiction. The program shines a spotlight on the issue.

**24 Hour Power**

Susie Lordi and her organization 24 Hour Power, helps those in recovery channel their creative side through graffiti events. Lordi will use the funds toward a beautification of Tukis Park in Brockton.

**Choices4Teens**

Brockton-based Choices4Teens Mentoring group will use their funding toward a weekly night program offering fun activities for teens.

- Anyone interested in applying for program funding through our Community Reinvestment Program can check out our website:

**[PlymouthDA.COM](http://PlymouthDA.COM)**